

## diversity on campus series

# Being black on a white campus

Bridget Veltri

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When Cortney Stafford came to Cal Poly on a track-and-field scholarship, she didn't know what she was getting into as an African American student.

Her team became her support system along with other athletes. She worked on campus and mentored for the Allensworth Mentoring Program, helping African American freshmen adjust to college life. For fun she and her friends would have movie and game nights.

But outside of Stafford's niche, the reality of being a minority on a predominately white campus had it challenges — even if it was just walking into a classroom.

"You enter assuming that you will be the only African American student in the class," she said. "And when you see another black student it's like Christmas, like finding out that someone else speaks English in a foreign country."

Stafford graduated in 2005 in political science and continues to take classes at Cal Poly.

In the fall of 2007, Cal Poly was the third whitest of the 23 campuses in the CSU system and the least black, with 237 African American students out of 19,777 total enrolled, according to the California State University Statistical Reports.

"I haven't seen all of them," president of Cal Poly's Black Students Union and agricultural business junior Tova DeSan-

tiago joked. "Sometimes as a minority here, you stick out like a sore thumb."

Thanks to the recent racially charged incident at the crop house, the lack of diversity at Cal Poly has become an unavoidable topic. The protest and subsequent forums about this incident sparked a campus-wide discussion about diversity and campus awareness of the issue.

There were 4,554 non-white students out of 18,842 undergraduate students that attended Cal Poly in the fall of 2007, according to the Cal Poly Institutional Planning and Analysis factbook undergraduate enrollment profile.

As of last fall, Cal Poly was 64.7 percent white, 11.4 percent Asian-American, 10.8 percent Hispanic/ Latino, 1.2 percent African American, and 0.8 percent Native American.

But the college has limited options to combat its lack of diversity.

In 1996, California passed Proposition 209, an amendment to the state constitution that essentially banned affirmative action. A portion of the proposition said that the state cannot give preferential treatment to, or discriminate against, any person or group based upon their sex, race or ethnicity. The freshmen class of 1998 was the first to be affected by the proposition.

"Cal Poly cannot give any preferential treatment to women or unrepresented groups for admissions to the university," associate director admissions, recruitment and financial aid

Walter Harris said. "Everyone has to compete on the same playing field whether they had the same opportunities for preparation or not; it's horrible but we cannot break the law."

Harris said that before Proposition 209 passed, underrepresented students at Cal Poly received bonus points during selection. He said Cal Poly was the only school in the state of California affected by the proposition for two main reasons: the year prior to the passing of 209, the Board of Regents for the UC system had already eliminated race, gender, and ethnicity from their selection process, and because as a selective CSU, Cal Poly turns down qualified students who apply. Those with the lowest test scores are rejected first, and historically it is minorities who have lower test scores, Harris said.

Harris said that it would seem to make sense to him to level the playing field for people applying to college. However, not everyone applying to college received the same level of preparation at the high school level, leaving them at a disadvantage, he said.

Admittance to Cal Poly is based only upon test scores and grade point average. Renoda Campbell, recreation science grad student and coordinator of multicultural programs and services, thinks that changing the admittance process would help diversify the school.

"A lot of people say that the situation is reflective of the

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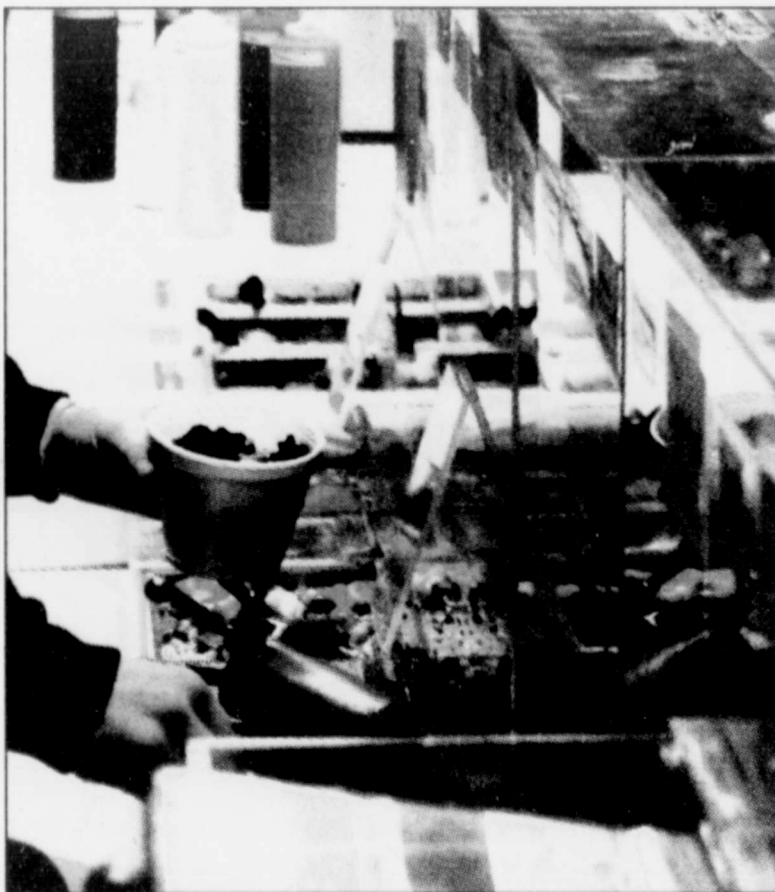


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## Economic meltdown doesn't affect SLO's sweet tooth

BRYAN BEILKE  
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Thanks to frozen yogurt's popularity, it continues to be a popular dessert with San Luis Obispo residents, despite difficult economic times. Old favorites like Bali's and Country Culture continue to be popular, as well as the new competitor, Yogurt Creations. Snofari, which opens in January, hopes its unique location will help it gain business.



Jennifer Titcomb  
MUSTANG DAILY

As the economy worsens, residents of San Luis Obispo can still enjoy a sweet, yet economical treat: frozen yogurt.

With three downtown locations, another on Foothill Boulevard and a new one opening in the Laguna Village Shopping Center, frozen yogurt shops appear to be thriving.

Frozen yogurt is a family friendly attraction. Various flavors of yogurt, and a wide variety of toppings are available. It doesn't hurt that it is one of the cheapest treats around.

Country Culture Yogurt began the city's frozen yogurt frenzy 28 years ago when it set up shop. Owner Norma Haynes said she wanted to open a yogurt store during the 1980s because it was the no. 1 entrepreneurship business in California.

"It was a very hot trend back then," she said.

Since then, Bali's, Yogurt Creations and soon to open Snofari have created their own versions ca-

tering to San Luis Obispo's sweet tooth.

"I've seen six yogurt shops open and close downtown over the years," Haynes said. "We have seen a drop (in business) over the past year. All of the other business owners in the mall have noticed the same thing. The economy is down and the city has noticed a drop because we aren't seeing as many tourists. Although we are seeing a few more Europeans than normal because the dollar is so low."

Haynes isn't worried about her shop because it has a rich history over the years at its creek side Higuera Street location.

Country Culture Yogurt offers the only full service frozen yogurt shop in town, along with fresh waffle cones made daily and homemade yogurt.

Bali's has also seen a decrease in customers, said Bali's employee and Cuesta College fashion freshmen Nick Threats. "Bali's has seen a big hit. I think because it (the economic decline) hit students the

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# Paulson says troubled assets will not be purchased



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Chevrolet salesman Philip Jordan, center, assists Charlotte Olson, right, who's looking to buy a car for her 18-year-old daughter, Kari Olson, left, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, in downtown Los Angeles. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson called autos a "critical industry" Wednesday but said a \$700 billion financial rescue program wasn't designed for them. The White House was noncommittal, but said it was open to new ideas.

Martin Crutsinger

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WASHINGTON — Urgently shifting course, the Bush administration is abandoning the centerpiece of its massive \$700 billion economic rescue plan and exploring new ways to shore up not only banks but credit-card, auto-loan and other huge nonbank businesses. Democrats are pressing hard to include a multibillion-dollar bailout for faltering automakers, too — over administration objections.

Unimpressed by any of the talk on Wednesday, Wall Street dove ever lower.

"The facts changed and the situation worsened," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said at a news briefing, explaining the administration's switch from its original plan to help financial institutions by buying up troubled assets, primarily securities backed by bad home loans.

Despite its new flexibility, the administration remained opposed to using the rescue fund to bail out the ailing auto industry or to provide guarantees for home loans, an idea that supporters contend offers the greatest hope for helping legions of Americans who are facing foreclosure.

Congressional Democrats felt otherwise on autos, and strongly. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid were pressing for quick passage of a major package for carmakers during a postelection session that begins next Tuesday, and one key House Democrat was putting together legislation that would send \$25 billion in emergency loans to the beleaguered industry in exchange for a government ownership stake in the Big Three car companies.

Not all the news was bad, Paulson suggested. He said the rescue program approved by Congress a month ago has already had an impact in dealing with the most severe financial crisis in decades, a credit squeeze that is threatening to push the country into a deep and prolonged recession.

"Our system is stronger and more stable than just a few weeks ago," he said. But he cautioned that much more needs to be done before the economy can turn the corner.

To accomplish those goals, Paulson said the administration would continue to use \$250 bil-

lion of the \$700 billion rescue fund to make direct purchases of bank stock as a way of supplying hundreds and potentially thousands of banks with extra capital in hopes that they will resume more normal lending.

But Paulson said the administration had decided that the original focus of the bailout program — the purchase of distressed mortgage-backed securities and other troubled assets on the books of banks — would not be employed. He said the administration had changed the emphasis because of a need to get money into the financial system much more quickly because of a worsening credit crunch. Setting up a purchase program for the bad assets was taking too much time, officials said.

It was another rough day on Wall Street as investors received more bad news on corporate earnings and were also disappointed by Paulson's decision not to mop up bad assets of financial institutions. The Dow Jones industrial average fell for the third straight session, plunging 411.30 points to close at 8,282.66, the lowest close since it hit a 5 1/2-year low on Oct. 27.

But lawmakers applauded Paulson's switch, saying the administration was finally recognizing that its initial plan was flawed.

"I am glad that Secretary Paulson and the rest of the Treasury team have finally seen the light," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. He said he would still like to see more strings attached to make sure banks use their bailout money to increase loans.

Paulson also said the administration was exploring the possibility of setting up a program in conjunction with the Federal Reserve that would provide support for the \$1 trillion market in securities that fund such vital consumer products as credit cards, auto loans and students loans. About 40 percent of consumer credit is supplied through the sale of these securities that are backed by payments consumers make on their credit cards and other loans.

"This market, which is vital for lending and growth, has for all practical purposes ground to a halt," Paulson said. In response to a question, he said it would take weeks to design a program, which officials suggested might involve having the Federal Reserve provide loans.

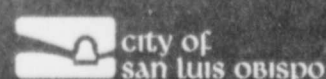
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## Diversity

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community here; I personally think the admission process needs to change," she said.

Harris said that studies show eliminating test scores could help "level the playing field for diversity to increase." He also explained that the faculty at Cal Poly could decide to discontinue using test scores for admittance and focus on qualities such as classes taken, GPA, work experience and extra curricular activities.

"There is one factor that could level the playing field for diversity to increase and that is remove the SAT as a pre-requisite for selection," he said. "Cal Poly as an institution is well within their privy to do that, whether they will or not, is highly unlikely."

One of the things the university is doing to increase diversity is adding the Cal Poly Partners program. The program teams up with approximately 182 high schools in the state and informs them about Cal Poly admissions criteria early on in their high school career.

"The goal is to reach students that might not normally consider Cal Poly," said Donna Davis, partners' program coordinator and academic advisor.

Harris pointed out that students accepted to Cal Poly often have the option of attending other prestigious universities that may be more diverse.

"There is a high quality student that is applying to Cal Poly," he said. "And the African American students that are admitted to Cal Poly don't come... They do have other options. You have (minority) students that visit Cal Poly and look around and think in the back of their minds, is there something about this institution that's keeping folks like me from coming here? Is there a reason folks like me are choosing not to come here?"

Linda Halisky, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and member of the university diversity enhancement council and inclusive excellence working group, agreed that the lack of diversity deters some minority students from attending Cal Poly.

"It's a critical mass issue," Halisky said. "We have a hard time building either a critical mass among African American faculty or African American students so that they begin to feel more comfortable here."

DeSantiago was accepted to several other schools including Purdue, but still chose to come to Cal Poly.

"I'm in the College of Agriculture so it's a different world within itself," she said. "When I came here, I came for the education not for the cultural experience, but at the same time I want to feel comfortable."

people feel until you live it."

Events like the recent crop science incident have brought concerns about the lack of diversity to the forefront of campus discussion.

"The student clubs are really working hard on trying to bring awareness to their culture and nationality," Campbell said. "But students have to be interested in it."

"When you get acts like what happened at the crop science house... It hurts us and makes us ask why are we trying so hard to help heal diversity at this school," DeSantiago said. "We can't punish people for what they don't really know... but we can assist and enlighten."

Harris has faith that Cal Poly is aware of the diversity issue.

"I believe that the university has a strong commitment to helping with diversity on campus; the attitude on campus gets to be a whole other thing," he said.

But nutrition senior Elizabeth Hermann doesn't think Cal Poly is taking a serious stance on the issue.

"I feel like Cal Poly's attempts to diversify the campus are shallow and on the surface," she said.

Halisky thinks that the lack of diversity at Cal Poly could potentially detract from the college experience here.

"I think we short-change people for the worlds they will enter if they are unable to enter worlds that are different than their own, (during college)" she explained. "It is important to realize that diversity is more than ethnicity, you learn so much when you see things from a perspective different than the one you are comfortable with."

## Cal Poly by Race the numbers

**64.7% White**

**11.4% Asian American**

**10.8% Hispanic/Latino**

**1.2% African American**

**0.8% Native American**

source: Cal Poly Institutional Planning and Analysis factbook

Animal science senior Kara Hargraves thinks that the lack of diversity at Cal Poly and the community of San Luis Obispo is part of the reason why it continues to be an issue.

"I think that is the biggest deterrent because there aren't very many minorities here and people don't want to be the only person," she said. "You become a representative for your race and that gets tiring; everything you do is attributed to your race."

Nutrition senior Jena Bookatz said it is impossible to truly empathize with minority students.

"I can be sympathetic but I don't know," she said. "Until you are put in that position you can't know; you don't know how

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## Yogurt

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hardest," Threats said.

However, the economy hasn't stopped biore-source and agricultural engineering freshman Kyle Jackson from going to Bali's. Jackson said the price of yogurt does not affect his decision.

"I love Bali's, I've been going there for years," he said.

Threats said Bali's is busiest on Thursday nights during Farmer's Market and bike night, as well as weekend nights.

Yogurt Creations, which opened last spring, hasn't seen a decline in business according to employee Eric Hoversten. He attributes this to the quality of the shop.

"We have better yogurt and better toppings," he said.

Sarah Kounanis, a Yogurt Creations patron, said she visits the shop four or five times a week. The self-proclaimed "yogurt-aholic" said frozen yogurt is so popular because "it's healthier than ice cream; it's cheap and sweet and flavorful."

Snofari owner Terry Williams said she is not worried about opening a new frozen yogurt shop in San Luis Obispo with the current economic situation.

"I feel that everybody wants to eat and it's not expensive because it is all done by weight so you can get pretty much what you can afford. Everybody likes a treat," she said.

Snofari's location makes it unique. "It gives everyone on this side of town the opportunity to go get a yogurt without having to go downtown," she said.

The shop is expected to open in late January in the Laguna Village Shopping Center.

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## Paulson

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The administration has already spoken for all but \$60 billion of the initial \$350 billion supplied by Congress, including the \$250 billion for direct stock purchases from banks and \$40 billion for a new loan supplied on Monday to help stabilize troubled insurance giant American International Group.

Paulson said he believed the \$700 billion would be sufficient to stabilize the financial system. He would not give an estimate on when Congress would need to authorize the second \$350 billion. With the Bush administration leaving office on Jan. 20, decisions on spending the second \$350 installment could well be made by the incoming Obama administration.

Paulson said he had met Monday with officials from President-elect Obama's economic transition team.

On the issue of using the bailout package to help ailing auto companies, Paulson said the administration preferred an approach that would accelerate distribution of \$25 billion Congress approved in separate legislation this fall. Obama had pressed the auto companies' case in his own meeting with President Bush on Monday.

Some of the bailout money could be used to support efforts to keep homeowners from losing their houses because of soaring default levels, he said, but he rejected tapping the fund to provide partial guarantees to financial institutions for mortgages they agree to rework.

This approach is being pushed by Sheila Bair, head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., who has said the government guarantees would provide an attractive incentive to banks to modify mortgages to more affordable levels.

Paulson praised a new set of guidelines issued Wednesday by the Federal Reserve and other bank regulators, saying they addressed crucial issues such as making sure that banks use the rescue assistance for its intended purpose of increasing lending.

Critics have charged that some banks may be tempted to hoard the money or use it to pay out dividends to shareholders or boost compensation for their executives unless regulators tighten standards.

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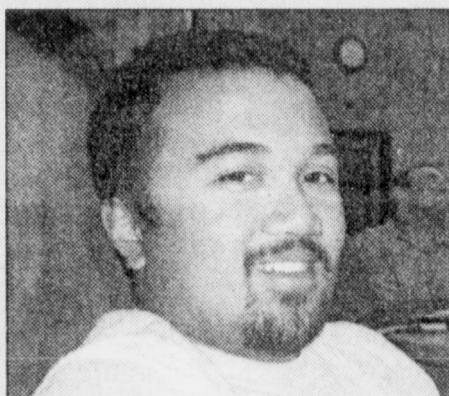


"I think they should get Pomeranians. I have one and they are smart, clean and small enough to carry."

-Yvonne Kong,  
nutrition senior

"For some reason I think they should get a Golden Retriever like Comet from 'Full House.'"

-Erick Serrano,  
mechanical engineering  
sophomore



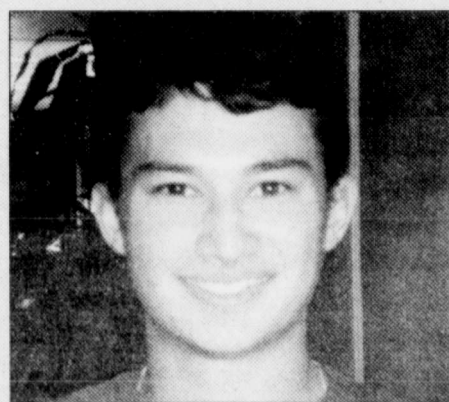
"A German Shepard because they are smart, loyal and protective."

-Jessica Sullivan  
electrical engineering  
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"A black Lab, because that is what I have and they are smart and good with children."

-Michael Masuda  
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## Briefs

## State

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Michael Jackson has given up title to his Neverland ranch, transferring the deed to a company he partly controls.

The singer filed a grant deed on the ranch Monday that makes the new owner an entity called the Sycamore Valley Ranch Co. LLC. Tom Pearson of the Santa Barbara County clerk-recorder's office said Wednesday.

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**SACRAMENTO (AP)** — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, seeking to influence a United Nations conference on climate change next month, is convening a global summit on greenhouse gas emissions next week in Los Angeles.

His conference, announced six weeks ago, itself will be a sizable source of the gases blamed for contributing to global climate change, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

The AP obtained a list of the more than 1,400 invitees through a California Public Records Act request. If all of them made the trip, their roundtrip air travel alone would discharge more than 2,554 metric tons of carbon dioxide — a so-called carbon footprint equivalent to that produced from 424 cars driven for a year. Lisa Page, a spokeswoman for Schwarzenegger, said the administration expects 700 invitees and staff to attend the summit.

## National

**DETROIT (AP)** — Advocates for the nation's automakers are warning that the collapse of the Big Three — or even just General Motors — could set off a catastrophic chain reaction in the economy, eliminating up to 3 million jobs and depriving governments of more than \$150 billion in tax revenue.

Industry supporters are offering such grim predictions as Congress weighs whether to bail out the nation's largest automakers, which are struggling to survive the steepest economic slide in decades.

"We've got to do this because the cost of inaction is so high to communities, to workers, to companies," said Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Democrat from Ohio.

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**NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)** — An Oklahoma woman who was lured over the Internet to take part in a Ku Klux Klan initiation was shot and killed after the ritual went awry, and the group tried to cover it up by dumping her body on a rural roadside and setting her belongings aflame, authorities said.

But the plan failed: By Tuesday, a local Klan leader sat in jail on a second-degree murder charge, and seven others were charged with trying to help conceal the crime.

## International

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Iran said it successfully test-fired a new generation of long range surface-to-surface missile on Wednesday — one that could easily strike Israel and as far away as southeastern Europe with greater precision than earlier models.

The Sajjil is a solid fuel high-speed missile with a range of about 1,200 miles, Defense Minister Mostafa Mohammad Najjar said on state television.

Solid-fuel missiles are more accurate than the liquid fuel missiles of similar range currently possessed by Iran.

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**HAVANA (AP)** — Cuba on Wednesday presented a new book by Fidel Castro, who has not appeared in public since undergoing emergency intestinal surgery in July 2006 but who authorities claim spent more than 400 hours working on the manuscript.

"La Paz en Colombia," or "Peace in Colombia," explores Cuba's role in attempts to end Colombia's civil war, which has raged for more than four decades.

The 265-page book was presented during a Havana ceremony that Castro did not attend, though one of his sons was there, as was Ricardo Alarcon, head of the country's rubber-stamp parliament.

## Advocates say rhetoric fuels anti-Hispanic crime

Deepti Hajela and Frank Eltmann  
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It was meant to be a short jaunt to a friend's home to watch a movie.

Marcello Lucero never made it. His walk, and his life, came to a brutal end when the Ecuadorian native was allegedly beaten and stabbed by a group of teenagers who police said wanted "to beat up some Mexicans."

Lucero's death Saturday night on Long Island was quickly labeled a hate crime by authorities, and it's not an anomaly. Figures recently released by the FBI show hate crimes motivated by anti-Hispanic bias have been on the upswing since 2003.

Observers and Hispanic advocates blame a climate of harsh rhetoric

surrounding the national immigration debate.

"I don't think it's merely coincidence that these hate crimes are going up at the same time there's a violent at times debate over immigration," said Kevin Brown, dean of the law school at the University of California-Davis.

"We talk about immigration, we're not particularly careful in the terminology," he said. "Inflammatory terminology is frequently used, that helps to sort of rile people up."

According to FBI statistics released last month, there were 595 incidents of anti-Hispanic bias in 2007, with 830 victims reported by law enforcement agencies. That's a 40 percent rise from 2003, when there were 426 incidents involving 595 victims.

The increase mirrors greater activity in the immigration debate, with mass rallies, attempts at reform legislation, increased government crackdowns and efforts by states and municipalities to pass their own immigration laws. Census estimates of the population of Hispanics in the United States have also increased, from 39.2 million to 45.4 million, a rise of 16 percent.

And the rhetoric around the topic, in the media and elsewhere, has been divisive, advocates say, sometimes portraying immigrants as stealing jobs and gobbling up resources.

"The debate about immigration has been damaged by anti-Latino, anti-immigrant sentiment that's been hijacked by extremists and that some politicians have seen fit to exploit for whatever reasons," said Luis Valenzuela, executive director of Long Island Immigrant Alliance.

"The point at which policy debate goes beyond what's appropriate in our public discourse is the point where you're demonizing an entire community," said Peter Zamora, Washington, D.C., counsel for the Los Angeles-based Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Not everyone agrees with the connection. Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, a co-founder of a national group called Mayors and Executives for Immigration Reform, rejected suggestions that the killing on Long Island was related in any way to the immigration debate.

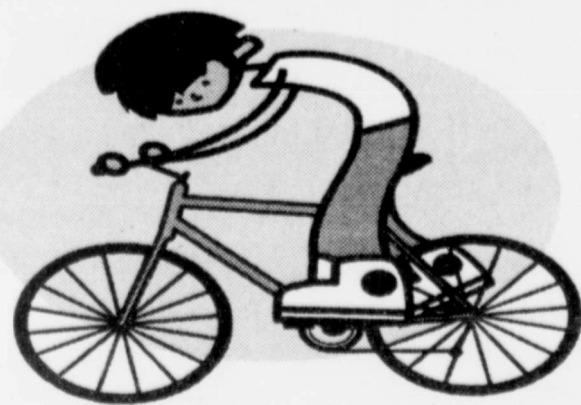
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# After Calif. loss, gays get right to wed in Conn.



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Lead plaintiffs Beth Kerrigan, left, and Jody Mock, right, of the Kerrigan & Mock v. Department of Public Health same sex lawsuit, shed tears outside, after obtaining a marriage license at the Town Hall in West Hartford, Conn. on Wednesday.

Stephanie Reitz

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Same-sex couples exchanged vows Wednesday for the first time in Connecticut amid cheers and tears of joy, while gay activists planned protests across the country over the vote that took away their right to marry in California.

Surrounded by red roses and smiles, Jody Mock and Elizabeth Kerrigan, who led the lawsuit that that overturned the state law, emerged from West Hartford's town hall to the cheers of about 150 people and waved

their marriage license high.

"We feel very fortunate to live in the state of Connecticut, where marriage equality is valued, and hopefully other states will also do what is fair," Kerrigan said.

The Connecticut Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on Oct. 10 that same-sex couples have the right to wed rather than accept a 2005 civil union law designed to give them the same rights as married couples. A lower-court judge entered a final order permitting same-sex marriage Wednesday morning. Massachusetts is the only other state that allows gay marriages.

Gay marriage advocates said they were planning nationwide demonstrations this weekend in more than 175 cities and outside the U.S. Capitol. A Seattle blogger was trying to organize simultaneous protests outside statehouses and city halls in every state Saturday.

In New York City, several hundred demonstrators gathered Wednesday outside a Mormon Temple to protest the church's endorsement of the same-sex marriage ban in California. Several people held signs asking "Did you cast a ballot or a stone?" while other signs read "Love not H8."

"I'm fed up and disgusted with religious institutions taking political stances and calling them moral when it's nothing but politics," said Dennis Williams, 36, of New York. "Meanwhile they enjoy tax-free status while trying to deny me rights that should be mine at the state and federal level."

Michael Otterson, a spokesman for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said while citizens have the right to protest, he was "puzzled" and "disturbed" by the gathering given that the majority of California's voters had approved the amendment.

"This was a very broad-based coalition that defended traditional marriage in a free and democratic election," Otterson said.

Outside City Hall in New Haven, bubbles and white balloons bounced in the chilly autumn air as well-wishers cheered the marriage of Peg Oliveira and Jennifer Vickery.

Despite the roaring traffic and clicking cameras, "it was surprisingly quiet," Oliveira said after the brief ceremony. "Everything else dissolved, and it was just the two of us. It was so much more personal and powerful in us committing to one another, and so much less about the people around us."

According to the state public health department, 2,032 civil union licenses were issued in Connecticut between October 2005 and July 2008.

But there was no comparison between civil unions and marriage for Robin Levine-Ritterman and Barbara Levine-Ritterman, who obtained a civil union in 2005 and were among eight same-sex couples who sued for the right to marry.

"We didn't do it with pride or joy," Barbara Levine-Ritterman said of getting the civil-union license. "It felt gritty to be in a separate line."

On Wednesday, however, she proudly held up the first same-sex marriage license issued in New Haven as about 100 people applauded outside City Hall. She and her betrothed, who held red roses, plan to marry in May.

"It's thrilling today," Barbara Levine-Ritterman said. "We are all in one line for one form. Love is love, and the state recognizes it."

Manchester Town Clerk Joseph Campoese, president of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association, said clerks in the state's 169 communities were advised by e-mail shortly after 9:30 a.m. that they could start issuing marriage licenses to gay couples.

The health department had new marriage applications printed that reflect the change. Instead of putting one name under "bride" and the other under "groom," couples will see two boxes marked "bride/groom/spouse."

Like the highest courts in Connecticut and Massachusetts, the California Supreme Court ruled this spring that same-sex marriage is legal. After about 18,000 such unions were conducted in California, however, its voters last week approved Proposition 8, a referendum banning the practice.

The Cal Poly History Department is saddened and revolted by the recent display of hatred and intimidation exhibited by the residents of the Crops House. This was not an isolated incident. We must change the campus culture, and effectively confront this bigotry and hatred that continues to alienate and drive away many of our brightest minds.

*As historians*, we have a professional responsibility to teach members of our community about symbols and ideas that summon the worst moments in the history of our country and other parts of the world. The artifacts of cruelty and spite exhibited at the Crops House are not funny or "rebellious." They constitute threatening reminders of murder, intimidation and exclusion that unfortunately remain a part of our national culture.

*We pledge*, as historians, to work harder to educate members of our community about America's unfinished mission to provide equality for all and about the real scars that past acts of hatred and brutality leave upon all of us.

*We call* on all members of the Cal Poly community to move beyond momentary expressions of "shock" and to begin working on lasting ways to instill in every member of our community a true respect for the inherent worth and dignity of all human beings.

*We charge* our colleagues in university administration to move beyond abstract learning objectives and initiatives to help us devise concrete, ongoing measures to ensure that every member of our community, regardless of ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender or beliefs, is equally valued here. Programs like PREFACE, campus conferences, dormitory activities, student clubs, and guest speaker series, in addition to class instruction, must be reoriented and utilized to accomplish these goals now. We must find ways to educate our students better about these crucial issues, and teach them to embrace diversity in all of its forms, to hunger for knowledge about cultures beyond their own, and to be courageous in seeking out social justice. These are the values that will make them leaders in this new century.

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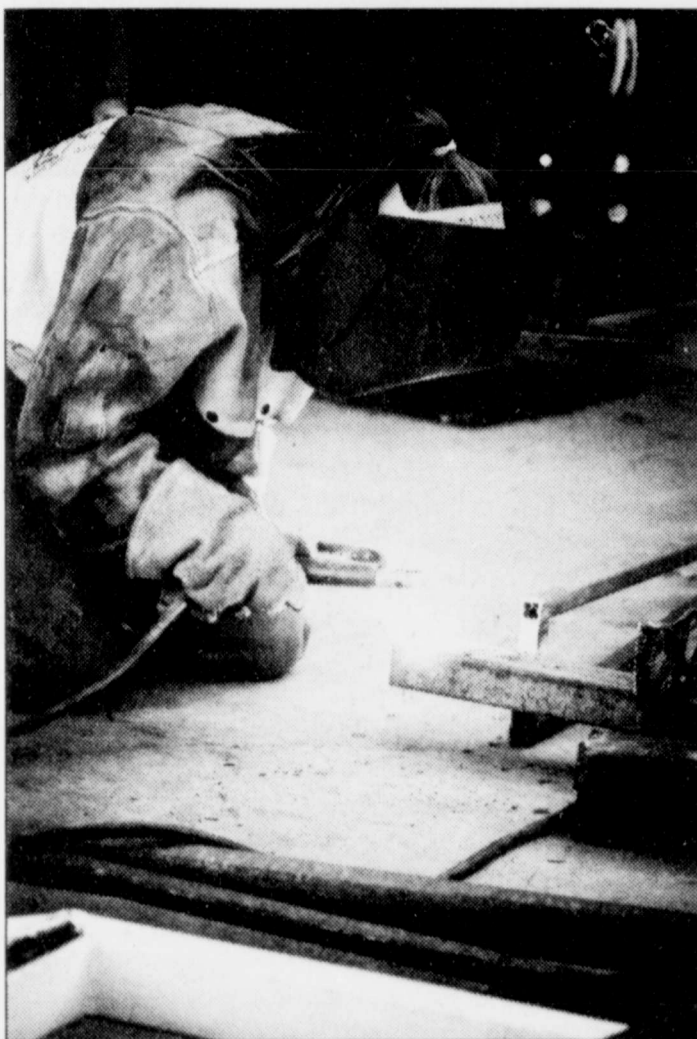




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## Floral fun to “Seaside Amusement” Poly float team prepares for Pasadena



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A float program member works on last year's Rose Parade float.

Alisha Axsom  
MUSTANG DAILY

Now is the time to get involved in Cal Poly's floral masterpiece: the Rose Parade float. Students and community members of all interests and backgrounds are encouraged to help Cal Poly build its 61st float which will be displayed on Jan. 1. in Pasadena.

Assistant float program leader Katie Ford said she wants to promote more student interest in the float, especially for what those involved refer to as 'Deco Week' (Dec. 25. To Dec. 31), the week before the parade where all of the decorating happens.

"We'd really like to invite students to volunteer and get involved because it's such a cool thing to be a part of," Ford said. "It's really awesome to see this thing go from nothing to this amazing piece of floral beauty."

The theme of the 2009 parade is "Hats Off to Entertainment" and Cal Poly's float will be called "Seaside Amusement."

"We've decided, instead of doing a typical top-hat, which I'm sure you'll see plenty of on Jan. 1, (to do) more of a Coney Island or Santa Monica Pier (theme) where it's a carnival on top of a boardwalk," said Public Relations Chair Jane Theobald.

A Ferris wheel, roller coaster and bumper

cars are among the attractions on the carnival-like float which was designed by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo's design chair Shawna Swanson. The design was picked unanimously by committees at both Cal Poly Pomona and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Cal Poly's float relies heavily on donations and volunteers because it has a small budget compared to many professionally built floats that compete in the Rose Parade and cost millions of dollars, Ford said.

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Pomona work together each year to build the flowery creation. This year Cal Poly San Luis Obispo built the back half of the float and the drive engine, which moves the float. It was taken down to Pasadena to be joined with Pomona's half of the float on Oct. 25.

The float is currently in the main construction phase as 60 percent of it needs to be built by Nov. 15 when the Tournament of Roses conducts its first inspection of all floats. Each part is built by students and other volunteers who travel to Pomona every Saturday to continue working once both halves of the float are connected. There is still work to be done including building various mechanisms like the Ferris wheel, foaming sections of the float for flowers and painting it.

"It's a lot of nitty-gritty



work but the road trips make it so much fun," Theobald said.

For the first time in several years, Cal Poly SLO is growing some of the flowers that will be used on the float. Kelsey Christoffels is the flower field manager and has planted marigolds, mums, and asters in the field, which is weeded by volunteers on Saturdays. These flowers will only make up a small percentage of the total flowers used on "Seaside Amusement" since it is only the first year they have been grown.

The rest of the flowers will come from local growers and the California Cut Flower Commission helps to get donations from all over the state. Every inch of the float must be covered in natural materials including both

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## Nurse in Times Square war photo reunites with Navy

Richard Pyle  
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NEW YORK — A 90-year-old who says she's the woman being kissed by a sailor in Times Square in one of World War II's most famous photographs reunited in town with the Navy on Sunday — days before she is to serve as grand marshal of the city's Veterans Day parade.

Edith Shain of Los Angeles, donning a white nurse's uniform like the one she wore back in 1945, went to see the musical revival of "South Pacific" and posed for pictures, being hoisted off her feet on stage by five of the actors in their Navy whites.

On Tuesday, she'll ride in the parade at the head of a contingent of World War II veterans.

The "South Pacific" event was a touching reminder of history, but very different from Aug. 15, 1945, the day Shain recalls that she joined thousands of people whooping it up after Japan surrendered. Right there on Broadway and 45th Street, a sailor suddenly grabbed and kissed her — and the moment was caught by Alfred Eisenstaedt, a Life magazine photographer.

His picture from V-J Day became one of the 20th century's most iconic images. But Eisenstaedt didn't get the names of either party, and efforts years later by

Life to identify them produced a number of claimants, says Bobbi Baker Burrows, a Life editor with deep knowledge of the subject.

About 1980, Shain recalls, she wrote a letter to Life, identifying herself as the woman in the nurse's uniform. Eisenstaedt wrote back and later visited her in California and gave her a copy of the photo. But Eisenstaedt, who died in 1995, was never sure that Shain was the woman in the photo, Burrows said.

Because of renewed interest in the subject, she recalled, "Life decided to run an article saying, 'If you are the sailor or the nurse in the picture, please step forward.'"

"We received claims from a few nurses and dozens of sailors, but we could never prove that any of them were the actual people, and Eisenstaedt himself just said he didn't know," she said.

Even the fact that Shain stands only 4 feet 9 isn't helpful in analyzing the photo, in which the sailor has her in what looks more like a death grip than an embrace, with both of their faces obscured.

By her own account, Shain said she could not identify the bussing boy in blue.

"I went from Doctors Hospital to Times Square that day because the war was over, and where else does a New Yorker go?" she said. "And this guy grabbed

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## The best of the best-ofs for The Smiths

Harun Buljina  
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By now, conventional wisdom would suggest that any new Smiths compilation is utterly superfluous and destined for failure. The band was only around for five short years between 1982 and 1987. In that time, it released three compilations, two of which are now seen as crucial components of its discography. Following the band's now-infamous demise, a staggering four more compilations were released.

From any standpoint, it's obvious that the catalogue has been stretched dangerously thin. And so "The Sound of The Smiths," their fifth and most recent posthumous compilation, rightfully faces an uphill battle for legitimacy. After all, who is this album intended for? Casual fans probably own one of the other best-ofs already, the dedicated certainly do, and newcomers might just end up even more confused on where to start listening to The Smiths.

But perhaps a better question would be, what is this album intended to do? If it's meant to round out the faults of its predecessors, "The Sound of The

Smiths" is surprisingly successful. Unlike the previous "Best of" releases, its track order is a largely chronological and wholly sensible overview of the highpoints in The Smiths' career. But unlike 1995's "Singles," "The Sound of The Smiths" doesn't limit itself to just the hits. With a 23-track second disc, sold as part of the "deluxe set," the album delves freely into the band's rarities and hefty back-catalogue.

Much of what's good about "The Sound" is probably due to the involvement of vocalist Morrissey and guitarist Johnny Marr. This is the first compilation since the band's best-of in which the band's creative masterminds had an active hand, and it shows. Between "Hand in Glove" and "Jeane," the track selection gives the uninitiated all they need to fall in love with the band. Marr's guitar work, of course, is a big factor. Over The Smiths' short but productive career, he touched on everything from African highlife ("This Charming Man") to heavy-metal-esque guitar solos ("Shoplifters of the World Unite"). His success in adopting '60s jangle-pop to a post-punk aesthetic deserves

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# Take a walk on the wild side with Cal Poly wildlife club

Omar Sanchez

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It could be the love for outdoor activities, the desire to conserve the beauty of natural habitats, to learn more about biology and the related careers or the challenge of taking on something greater like climate change. Whatever the reason might be, the Wildlife Club is there to help.

"It's a really good forum for people who are interested in the environment, in global warming, in wildlife to exchange ideas, interact and communicate with each other to get stuff done," said liberal studies senior and Wildlife Club President Nicole Chrislock who is in the process of getting a double major in biology.

The Wildlife Club, an affiliate of the college of math and science, has been around for more than two decades and has served as a channel where people with an interest in wildlife can share ideas on how to help, and enjoy Mother Nature.



"The club is opened to everyone, not just math and science majors" stressed Chrislock, "We all learn from each other; some people are interested in botany, others in conservation," she added.

In fact she joined the Wildlife Club after taking a support course in biology and discovered that biology was a field of study she too wanted to major in. She said students shouldn't be too intimidated to join the Wildlife Club simply because they are not biology majors.

She mentioned that for non-biology majors, the club is there to explain more about the environment, wildlife and biology in general. "We have fun recreational activities: hiking, camping, canoeing and kayaking. All that fun stuff," added Chrislock.

Liberal studies senior Wendy Hurtado said she joined the

club three years ago to learn more about plants and animals while also taking part in outdoor activities. She also emphasized that the club is open to all majors, but that she would like see more biology majors join because they bring projects and ideas to the club from the biology department.

Rebecca Nuffer, a biology junior, joined this year to see if her biology concentration in field and wildlife was something she really wanted to do.

"We really try to help people that are in the major find people that can mentor them who are already professionals in their field, so that they can get advice on what they should be doing in their undergrad and what they need to do for grad school," Chrislock said.

The club often brings in guest speakers from the biology department to their meetings to speak with members about pertinent topics in the field.

The club, which has been around for more than two decades, has worked with other groups and organizations in the past who share similar interests. However in recent years, the club has strayed away from that, which is something Chrislock wants to change. It is now looking at ways to partner with other clubs on campus that share similar goals.

"In previous years the Wildlife Club was actually associated with the Wildlife Society and that kind of deteriorated over the last couple of years," said Chrislock.

The Wildlife Society is an international non-profit organization that focuses on wildlife conservation around the world. The Wildlife Club has partnered with the Central Coast chapter of The Wildlife Society in the past.

"Our focus for this year is to become more involved in the community; to really get out there and connect with the Wildlife Society," she added.

A barbeque put on by the Wildlife Society last weekend was a first step in resurrecting that relationship, said Chrislock.

So far they have partnered with ECOSLO, a local, non-profit membership organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, for a beach cleanup planned for Nov. 15.

The club is currently in the process of filling in officer positions with people who are interested in publicity and organizing events. "There are only three of us right now and the more the merrier," she said.

"If we have enough young minds working together, we can definitely create a change to help the environment or other issues...and anyone can be a leader in an area they are passionate about," Chrislock added.

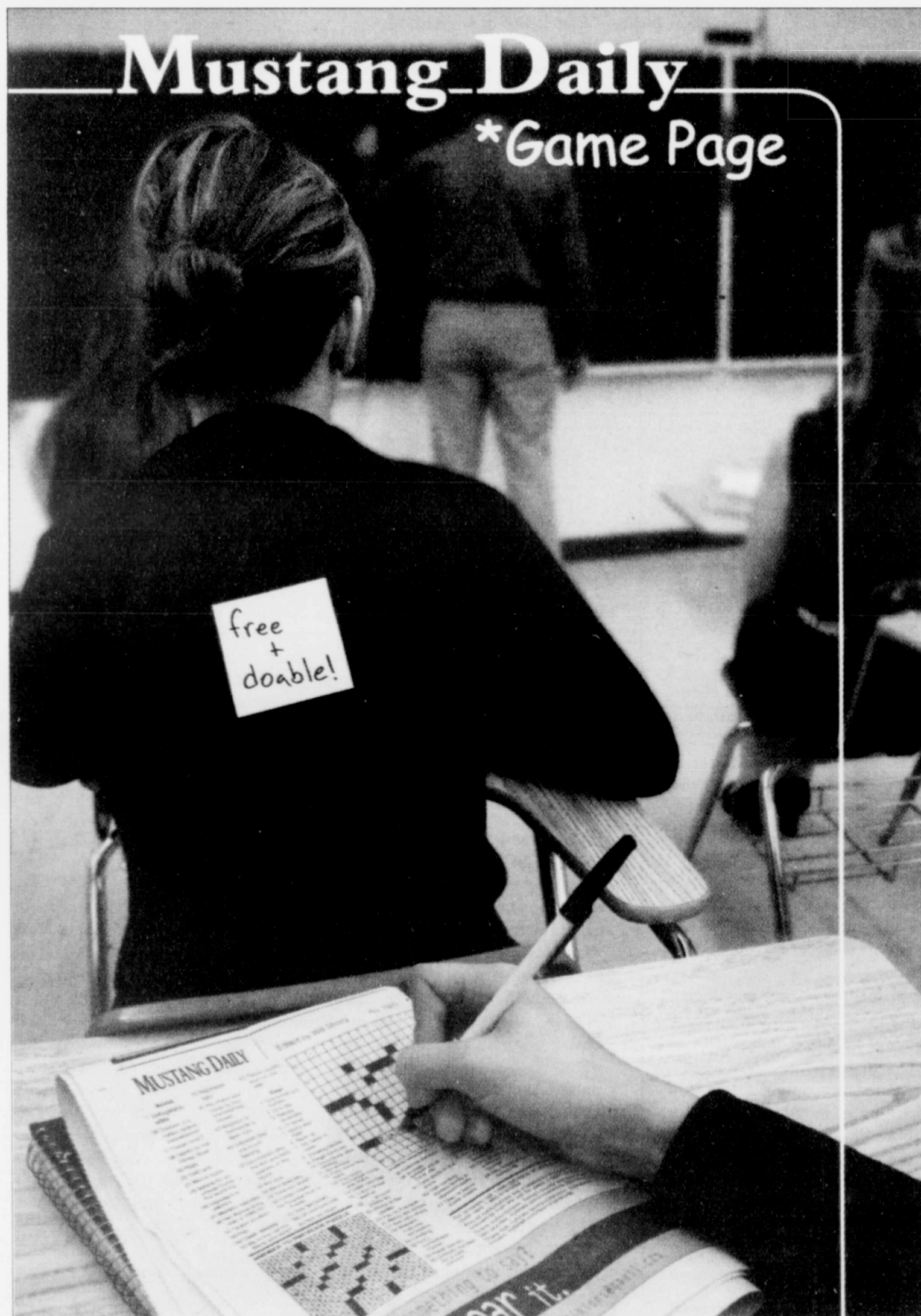
"Our generation is definitely active, but I think we can be more active," she said. "There are a lot of people that have great ideas, but don't have an outlet in which they can express those ideas and I feel like this club can definitely be that outlet."

For more information on the Wildlife Club, attend one of their meetings which are held every other Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Their next meeting will be in the science building, room E-46 on Nov. 18th.



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Wildlife club vice president Alexandra Barbella (left) and president Nicole Chrislock (right) during a Halloween club event.



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dried and live plants and flowers.

"Every single live flower that you see on (the float) is either part of a basket...or it's stuck in its own individual vial with water," Theobald said.

Cal Poly's float is entirely student-operated. San Luis Obispo and Pomona switch off driving every year, and this year, it is Pomona's turn. Ford is the observer for the driver meaning she will look to see if anyone accidentally gets in front of the float as it moves.

"Basically I make sure that no little children get run over," Ford said. "The driver doesn't usually have amazing visibility."

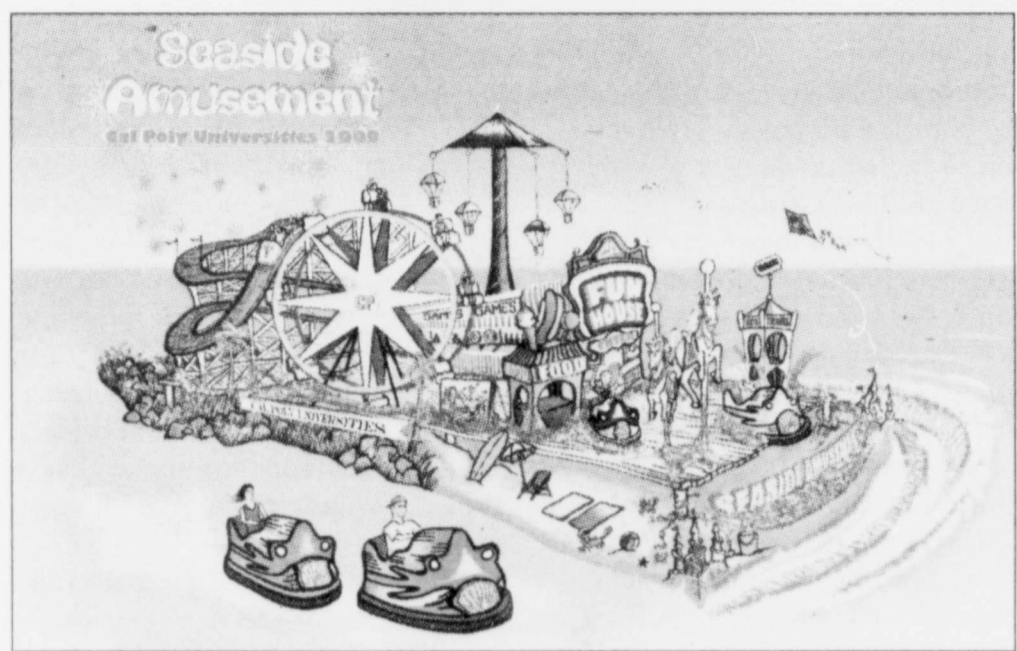
Normally, Ford said, the driver and observer are on the inside of the float, but this year they will be visible on top in the bumper cars which is something she thinks Cal Poly has never done before. Each university

has an engine operator and there will also be two satellite floats in the form of bumper cars, one driven by each school. The rest of the team will sit on their own bleacher on Colorado Boulevard, the street the parade takes place on.

"Anybody that wants to get involved should send us an e-mail," Theobald said. "Even if clubs or fraternities and sororities want to help, we'll see what we can do for them because we need as much help as we can get."

For more information on how to get involved, email the Rose Float program at [rfloaters@asi.calpoly.edu](mailto:rfloaters@asi.calpoly.edu) or stop by UU 220 this Thursday at 8 p.m.

"It's an amazing experience; it's something that's really incredible to be involved with," Ford said. "I'd love to see more Cal Poly students out at Deco Week or hanging out with us at labs. It's a really neat tradition that Cal Poly has."



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The final design for the 2009 Rose Parade float (above) was approved unanimously by committees at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly Pomona.

## "Changeling" offers dark look into true story

Brianna McClane  
THE LARIAT (BAYLOR U.)

After leaving Clint Eastwood's new movie, "Changeling," I needed a hug.

This is more than just the story of a woman whose son is missing - it's disturbing, dark and political.

"Changeling" is the true story of Christine see Changeling, page 10



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me and we kissed, and then I turned one way and he turned the other. There was no way to know who he was, but I didn't mind because he was someone who had fought for me."

At least three veterans still lay claim to being the kissing sailor, and at least one other woman has claimed to be the nurse. But Shain, who left nursing to become a kindergarten teacher in Los Angeles for 30 years, appears to hold the edge — by virtue of persistence, an effervescent charm and unabashed patriotism.

"As for the picture," she says, "it says so many things — hope, love, peace and tomorrow. The end of the war was a wonderful experience, and that photo represents all those feelings."

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Edith Shain, foreground right, the nurse in the famous photograph taken by Alfred Eisenstaedt of a sailor kissing a nurse in New York's Times Square on V-J Day, tries to imitate the photo's embrace with Nick Mayo, foreground left, a member of the cast of the musical South Pacific as they pose with other South Pacific cast members at the Vivian Beaumont Theater in New York, Sunday Nov. 9, 2008. Shain, 90, is in New York to serve as the grand marshal of the 2008 New York City Veterans Day parade.



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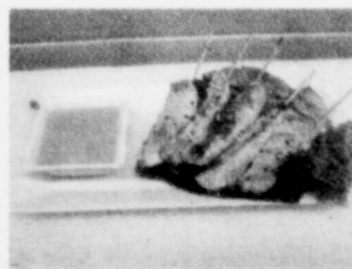
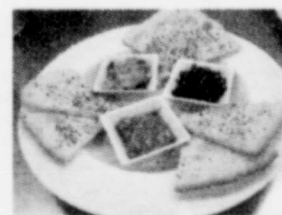
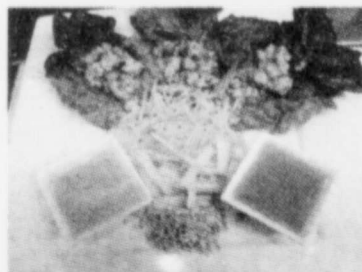
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## Changeling

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Collins, her missing son and the Wineville Chicken Coop Murders of 1928.

Angelina Jolie portrays the distraught mother who denies that the boy returned to her by the Los Angeles police is her son, Walter. The corrupt police department, afraid of bad publicity, has Collins sent to a mental institute when she threatens to go to the press.

A police officer begins to believe her after he uncovers a case of a man who has been murdering children on a farm outside of the city.

The first hour drags with Collins encountering obstacles set by the police and her consistent screaming of "Where's my son? I want my son!"

It's hard to feel empathy for Collins, since the few scenes she does share with Walter are lacking in motherly love, instead she seems more like a babysitter. She also leaves him -- the boy she says is her life -- alone all day with the front door open. You begin to wonder if the police are right in calling her an unfit mother.

But, just when the audience thought this movie wasn't going to progress past Jolie having only two lines, the audience is introduced to police corruption and murder.

Jeffrey Donovan plays Captain J.J. Jones and is Collins' main antagonist. He forces Collins to take the replacement boy home and attempts to silence her by forcing her into a mental institute.

Michael Kelly steals the movie away from Jolie

with his portrayal of Detective Lester Ybarra, the detective who uncovers the murders.

Kelly portrays emotion perfectly when he learns of the atrocities and is a likable character that should have had more screen time than the better known actors.

Reverend Gustav Briegleb is a minister and radio personality who supports Collins in her fight. John Malkovich plays the larger-than-life activist who pushes the envelope with his brash public statements against the police.

For history buffs, "Changeling" is a winner. It brings to light a lesser-known tale of the tarnished side of Tinseltown. It also serves as a commentary on the treatment of women in the 1920s as fragile and dependent creatures.

Fans of "Law and Order" will also enjoy it for the suspenseful unfolding of the disturbing murders in Wineville.

Eastwood sets the mood with period costumes and scenery. The audience feels transported back to the time of fedoras and cigarettes.

Dark colors dominate the scenes with Collins' crimson lips one of the few spots of bright color.

At times the film feels like a horror flick, complete with unlit corners and tight angles. I found myself tense in my seat as the musical score warned of things hiding in the dark.

"Changeling" manages to redeem itself after a slow start and is worth seeing.

Don't see this movie if you are looking for a light-hearted outing. Bring along a friend to hold your hand and make sure to call your mom after the credits roll.

## Love is All stays young on new album

I just finished watching "My Date with Drew" with fellow columnist Jack LaPorte. In the course of the movie, creepy Drew Barrymore stalker Brian Herzlinger broadly breaks people into two groups: those who love "Grease 2" and those who don't. That's a bunch of bullshit and as a creepy stalker of cute Swedish girls, I would like to erroneously separate people into two categories in honor of my upcoming "date" with Love is All's Josephine Olausson (that's a lie, but they are going to be here playing at the SLO Art Center on Nov. 19 with Vivan

same themes crop up on "A Hundred Things Keep Me Up at Night".

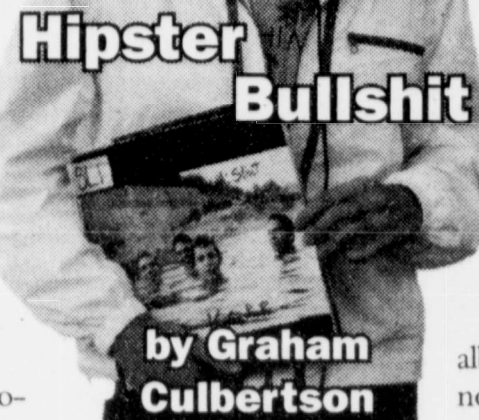
Olausson captures a sense of daily entrapment on "Sea Sick" as she continuously yells, "I'm bored to death aboard this ship" until the song descends into a dying saxophone meltdown that music nerds who are more elitist than me would label as free jazz inspired.

"Aging Had Never Been His Friend" brought the fear of growing too old on the first album, but on "Hundred Things" the fear begins to pervade most of the album as the band is now three years older and approximately fifty times more likely to be uncomfortable at your

frat's kegger. Additionally, it's become a hundred times more inappropriate for them to puke up a Taco Bell Triple Steak Burrito at one in the morning. And on a further note, it's become a million times more draining to chug a Joose afterwards and stay up all night dancing.

But while Love is All seem to realize they also don't seem to give a fuck. "New Beginnings" opens the album and it's dirtier, dancier and louder than anything they've done before. Olausson yells about desiring "a new beginning" and "a different age" because she's going home in a taxi far too early. While the lyrics rough up the worn out Lethal Weapon territory of "I'm too old for this shit", the song never gives in and pounds the desire fervently in a way that immediately proves that as long as your willing to lose all of your dignity, you're never too old to party.

Make your beds next Wednesday! All the horny dance fiends will be at SLO Art Center ready to sweat and grind and go home together and hopefully not puke up Tonita's burritos in each other's beds.



by Graham Culbertson

## Smiths

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an article of its own.

But the compilation also showcases the other half of The Smiths' formula: Morrissey's captivating lyrical wit. Tracks like "Handsome Devil" ("A boy in the bush / is worth two in the hand") perfectly illustrate how he twisted and contorted the energy of punk until it fit his eccentric, introverted and sexually ambiguous persona. Admittedly, it can often be hard to tell where Morrissey's sincerity ends and comical self-parody begins — a problem that's given The Smiths an unfortunate reputation as proto-emo. But even on his more subpar efforts, Morrissey hits notes of both humor and raw honesty that his supposed followers could never reach. Fallout Boy's Patrick Stump would do well to listen to The Sound and contemplate retirement.

The second CD, sold as part of the "deluxe set," offers

a number of intriguing B-sides and live tracks. Among the more notable is a live version of "Meat is Murder," on which Morrissey's strained vocals make a more compelling case than they do on the studio cut. For those who are well acquainted with "The Boy with the Thorn in His Side," these lesser-known gems will be the most intriguing aspect of The Sound.

As with any compilation, it's possible to nitpick about questionable inclusions ("Money Changes Everything") and conspicuous omissions ("I Know It's Over"). It's debatable whether the album ultimately justifies its own existence, but it seems to more than most of the band's previous compilations.

"The Sound of The Smiths" gathers up all of The Smiths that most people will need. It also does it at a price equal to three of the band's original studio albums at a used record store. It's an excellent summary of a legendary band, and those new to The Smiths can't go wrong in taking a listen — but they could do even better with "The Queen is Dead."

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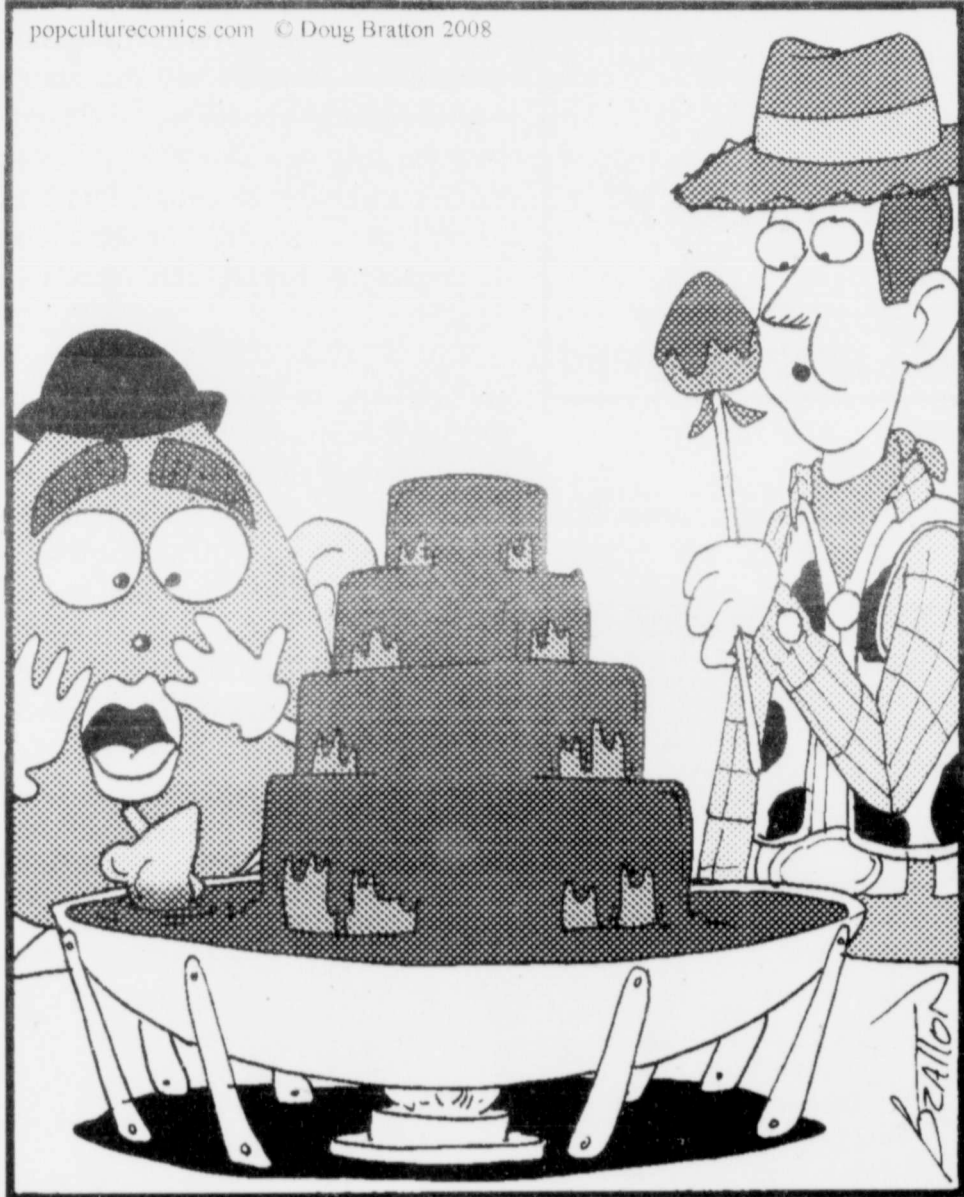
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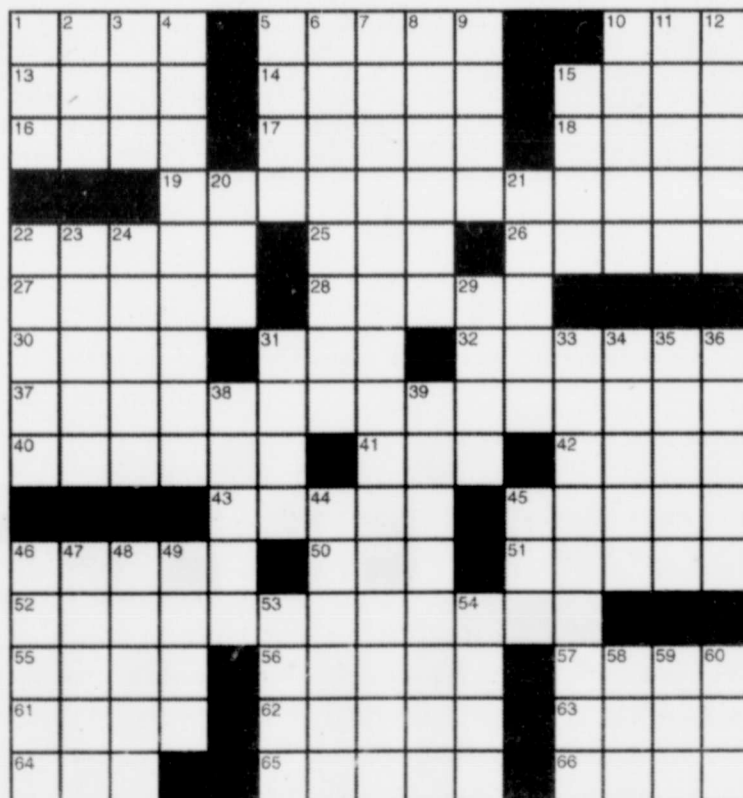
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# MUSTANG DAILY OPINION/EDITORIAL

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political column

# Republicans are finding that reality bites

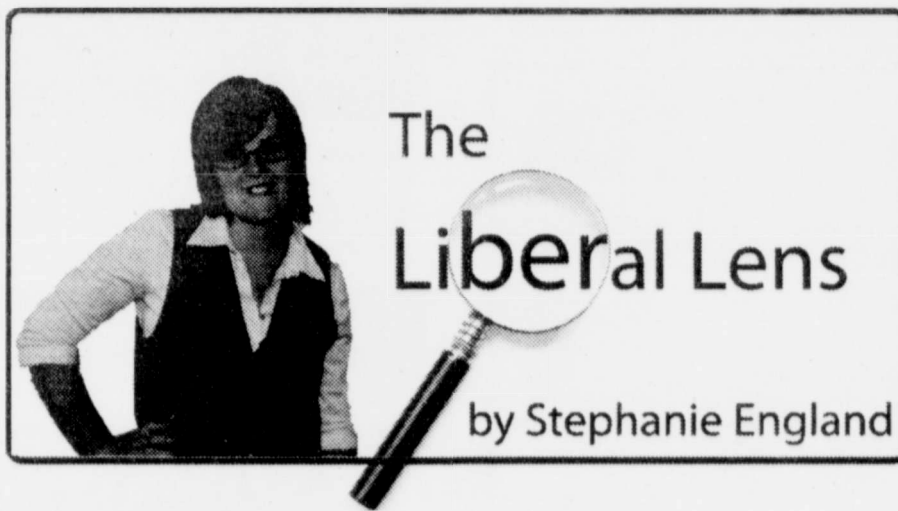
As President-elect Barack Obama sets up his administration's cabinet, and rightfully measures the drapes in the Oval Office Democrats like myself relish these few victory weeks, and Republicans across the United States are suffering from Post-election Social and Political Vacuum Syndrome; yes, PSPV. And the symptoms are apparent in their rhetoric.

One reason Republicans lost this election in all three branches of government last week is that their dirty campaign tactics were too transparent to the American people. In the past, swiftboating and defamatory campaign lies have been the talented tour guides leading American consciousness through election cycles, and Republicans have had a successful history of de-Americanizing Democratic candidates.

But this year, it just didn't work out for them. Even when the polls reflected that their negative tactics weren't working, like The Little Engine that Could, they kept towing the campaign line that Obama and Democrats are socialists and that Obama associates with terrorists. Chugging along slowly, sweat dripping from the weight of those lies, they collectively muttered, "I think I can, I think I can," only for their Straight Talk Express to be found rusted on the tracks. The congressmen and senators on for the ride were left wandering aimlessly.

No, the end of 2008 Republican story can not be found in any children's fairy tale. Rather, the truth of this year's Republican experience is being found in that old adage, "reality bites." And almost immediately after the election, they attempted to salvage what they could of their party.

Last week Ian Nachreiner wrote in his column "Conservatives lost the battle, not the war," that "People elected a socialistic liberal. He believes in universal health care and taking what you rightfully earn and give it to people who do nothing." He went on to say that Obama "is the closest thing to a Marxist we have in our country and we will see the effects over the next four years."



I'm not a socialist or an economist, but I thought the focus of socialism was based on the government gaining control of property and businesses, and therefore controlling the supply and demand, as well as the workforce. I haven't heard Obama talk about annexing any property or businesses, or regulating supply and demand in America.

But I know what conservatives are referring to when they talk about Obama's supposed socialism. They're talking about the progressive tax system that Obama supports. A progressive tax is basically self-explanatory.

As income increases, the income tax rate increases; therefore, poorer families pay a lower tax rate, while wealthier people pay higher taxes.

I think we could all use trickle-up economics for a while, instead of the devastating trickle-down economics we've been experiencing for the past eight years.

Other Republicans are attempting to explain what happened Nov. 4. Republican Governor of South Carolina Mark Sanford wrote an opinion article for CNN on the results of the election. "Republicans have campaigned on the conservative themes

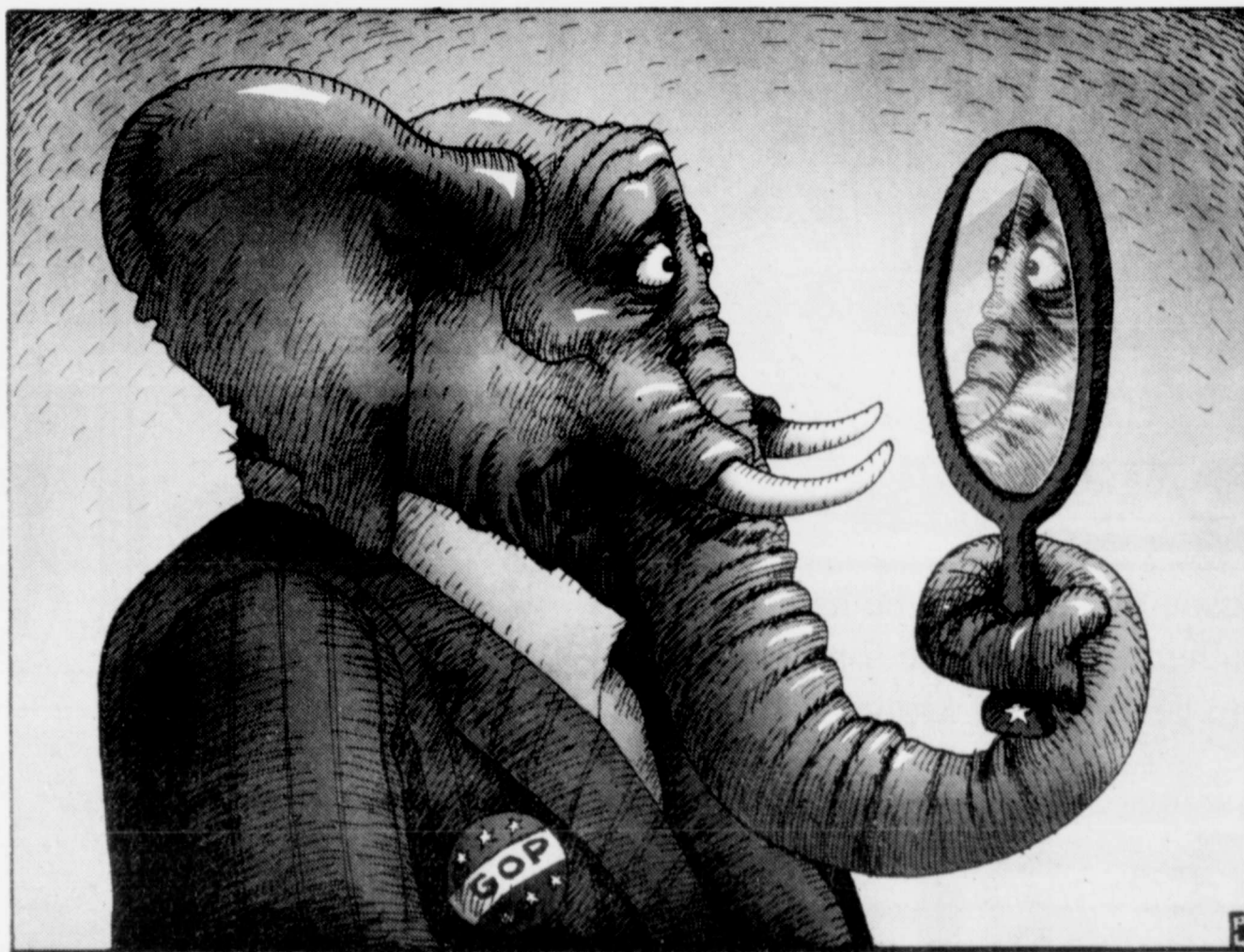
of lower taxes, less government and more freedom — they just haven't governed that way," he said.

"America didn't turn away from conservatism, they turned away from many who faked it."

He continued, "A political party works much like a brand. Companies like Caterpillar and John Deere earn loyal customers by consistently delivering what they advertise — they walk the walk."

He's right that a political party works a lot like a brand, and for him the catch phrase for the Republican brand is "lower taxes, less government and more freedom." However, I don't think the Republican brand's problem is false advertisement. I think the Republican brand simply doesn't work.

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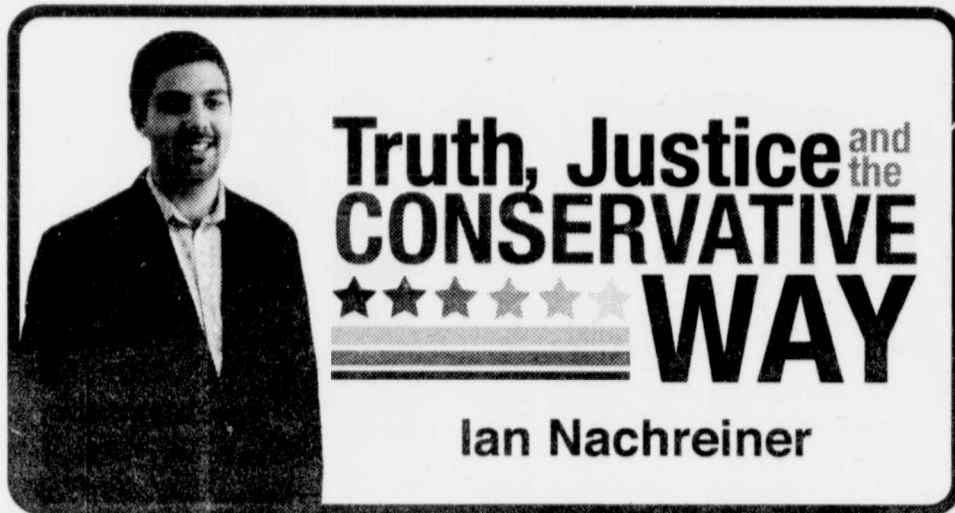
# Can't we just move forward?

During the past two weeks, much has been made of the display at the crops house and the subsequent administration reaction. Several departments have filled the Mustang Daily with letters to the editor. Administration and our Associated Students Inc. president have added to the fray with numerous e-mails about their response to the situation. Numerous campus groups have hosted forums or protests. While I understand the varying reactions, I wonder if we can't just move on already.

As a student in the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences, I, like many of my peers, laid low at the release of the news. We were branded as guilty of intolerance by academic association alone; regardless of cultural background, social associations or acceptance of others. I want to make it very clear that I do not condone the reported displays. I do not want people to think I am defending the actions because I am not. However, as a campus community, we might have gone too far in our condemnation of the incident.

From a purely philosophical point of view, we should embrace this event. While it does not represent what we believe, it contributes to the marketplace of ideas. It shows us a differing point of view and develops discussion, hopefully a positive one. However, there becomes a point where the reaction becomes the aggressor; where those involved are branded in a certain light, and practically chased off campus by an angry mob. Where, if you don't take the time to write a letter to the editor, pay for an advertisement, or attend a forum, you must not support the tolerance movement; then you too must be a racist, homophobic, and/or bigot.

I ask all of you to think what actions are too much? Individually we all should strive to be more tolerant and culturally diverse. But can



Cal Poly mandate change through new classes or other policies? For that matter, should Cal Poly try to mandate change?

On Monday, Angela Kramer explained in her column the actions that she and ASI are taking. Some of the things she mentioned are

Countless times I have been called a baby killer, warmonger, racist and a few sexual slurs as well. All of these are false, but illustrate a bigger problem with society today, which is how we perceive those around us.

the possible development of an ombudsman office and an increased USCP focus. Will these actions actually change anything? Or are they just window dressing to appease those who feel hurt from this situation?

Kramer also contends that we need to "forego business-as-usual and re-establish Cal Poly as a safe space." I ask you to think, did this incident really make Cal Poly an unsafe place? The Confederate flag was there long before the New Times reported it. Does one

news report suddenly change the safety of an entire campus?

Cal Poly is not an intolerant university. The students have apologized and moved out of the house. What more do we want from them? Are people not going to be happy until these students have been expelled or jailed? Or can we as rational adults agree that this incident was wrong, does not represent the values of Cal Poly, and just move on?

This situation shows us that freedom of speech isn't free. There are consequences for our actions, and the former members of the crops house have paid the price in terms of their reputation and their living conditions. Tolerance is not a bandwagon we should join on a whim for fear of being branded that which we are not,

but instead is an opportunity for discussion. However, discussion has taken place. Opinions have been aired. Nothing more really needs to be done in response to six students who had a display at the crops house which was dumb, ignorant and doesn't represent the Cal Poly community.

As conservatives, we are often branded as racist, bigots or homophobes. While there have been conservatives who have been these things, there are also liberals who are racist, bigots or homophobes. Countless times I have been called a baby killer, warmonger, racist and a few sexual slurs as well. All of these are false and illustrate a bigger problem with society today, which is how we perceive those around us. We need to make the same consideration for political affiliations, as we should do with races, creeds, and orientations: look at the content of a person's character.

*Ian Nachreiner is an agricultural science senior and a Mustang Daily Columnist.*



Dearest Nancy,  
After reading your column I came to the realization that we have nothing in common and we will never be friends. Do you honestly think our new lord and savior Barack Obama is going to fly over to GM and Ford and deliver them with proprietary green technology and cash to make America strong? The American auto industry has fallen and can't get up. Do you know what I would do if I was at the top of the American motor industry? I would welch on the bailout money and spend the rest of my days in paradise while Toyota dominates all over the place. But as for now, I will spend the rest of my day just driving around, just because I can. I hope you typed your column on your solar powered computer.

— Mike Macedo

Response to "Green tech: the key to Detroit's survival"

This guy is a stud. He seems like a real catch for any NFL team. He is an overall good player, plus he seems to have the brains as well. He is so young but has things all on point with his life. I have personally seen him play, and he is real strategic and overall team player. Not that I doubt his playing abilities, because I don't, but in the unfortunate event that he doesn't get drafted, I don't think it will be a problem — his drive and his intelligence will push him to succeed in other areas. Good luck with everything Mr. Jonathan Dally.

— Cee

Response to "Jonathan Dally: The No. 1 option"

The ignorance and stupidity of some people is absolutely astounding. I know that we celebrate the freedom of press, but I would have left this one on the press room floor to spare yourself and your periodical the embarrassment of showing the world what kind of deranged lunacy flows through your mind.

— Mike Vlastnik

Response to "Drop your pants, Prop 8 passed"

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'Drop your pants' is brilliant piece of political satire

I might go so far as to say that Doug Swanson is in the same realm as Jonathan Swift with "A Modest Proposal." I love the fact that he posed it in such a serious manner, reading as though he was telling it to you with a straight face. I only knew he was being sarcastic when these beautiful words came out, "county clerks should be ordered to penis-check all applicants." Imagine the horror that county clerks would go through if this passed. Here you are, in a position that has much responsibility, and then California passes a law that you must penis-check all people wanting to get married.

Last time I checked, people are getting married all the time. Add to this the dilemma of writing something like this into law, oh man... So my congrats to a well written political satire, I only write this in the fear that some pro-Prop 8 people will take you seriously, and some anti-Prop 8 people will get hilariously angry over it. I can't wait for the letters to come in.

Scott Joly  
architectural engineering senior

### Reactions to crop house incident help open up discussion

Mr. Wolf, are you serious? Are you so igno-

rant not to realize that the crop science incident is of significant value to get passionate and angry about? Maybe in the three little years you have been here you have been unaware of the many other underreported, racial-discriminatory incidents that have occurred.

As a minority myself, as well as many other fellow students, I am happy and grateful that this incident has received so much attention. Maybe this is the one thing that will pressure Cal Poly and President Baker to take immediate action in preventing things like this from happening again. This might even get President Baker to work harder to get the Inclusive Excellence plan initiated.

People's ignorance on diversity and apathetic behavior, like yourself Mr. Wolf, is why incidents like this continue to happen. I applaud ASI President Kramer for being informed and active in the diversity issues that are ongoing here at Cal Poly. Keep up the good work.

Jonathan Martinez  
civil engineering senior

### Inspiring lecturers being fired because of budget cuts

This is to inform social science majors how the state budget cuts will be affecting us directly:

Due to the most recent budget cuts, we will

be losing two of our greatest lecturers. I will not name them here but if you want to know who they are, go and speak to Dr. Terry Jones, the head of the social sciences department. I can say that when I was informed that these two valuable instructors were being made to leave Cal Poly, I was very upset. One of these instructors changed my life radically as a student and a person and I must now watch her be laid off from a job she loves, from a life she has passion for.

There are certainly some tenured faculty who are tired of teaching and don't bring passion to the department. I have taken classes with some of these tenured faculty members and hoped they would retire soon so no more students would have to sit through their passionless lectures where they simply go through the motions.

Why can't we force these few tenured faculty members to retire and then use that money to pay the two lecturers so they can stay and make a difference in the lives of students? I don't know if there is anything we can do as students, but I will not sit by while my department lays-off two amazing and spirited lecturers, cheating us out of the quality education we deserve.

Megan Underwood  
social sciences senior

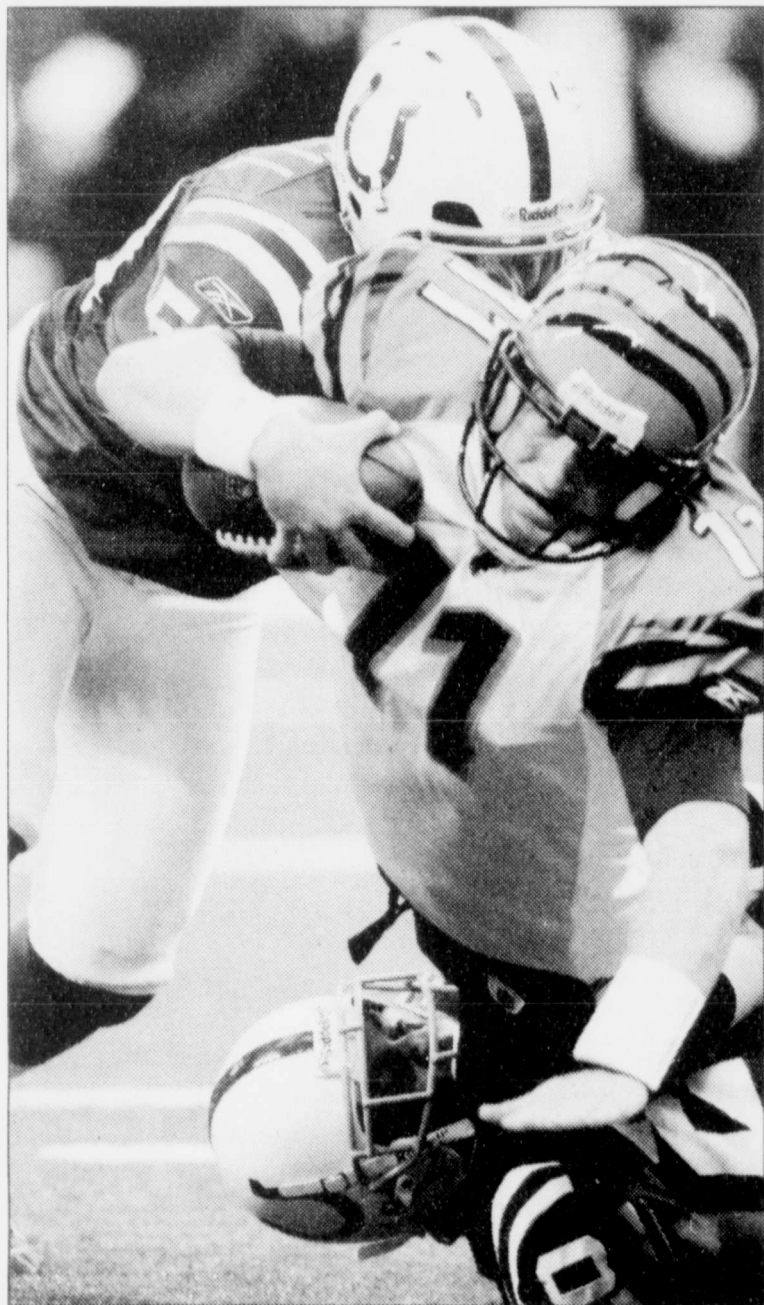
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## football

## Shotwell signs with Chiefs



MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Former Cal Poly star Kyle Shotwell has found a new NFL home.

The Kansas City Chiefs announced Wednesday they signed the linebacker to their practice squad. Terms of the agreement were not released.

Shotwell, a 6-foot, 232-pound Santa Barbara native, played for the Oakland Raiders in the preseason of 2007 before being among their last cuts. After a brief stint with the Philadelphia Eagles practice squad, he played for the Indianapolis Colts in this year's preseason before belonging to the Minnesota Vikings and Tampa Bay Buccaneers practice squads. The Buccaneers released him Nov. 4.

In 2006, as a senior at Cal Poly, Shotwell won the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the best defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA).

He holds school marks for tackles in a season (158, in 2005) and sacks in a game (four, at San Diego State in 2006).

Other former Mustangs in the NFL are Eagles linebacker Chris Gocong, Dallas Cowboys safety Courtney Brown and San Diego Chargers special teams ace Kassim Osgood.

Gocong has 34 tackles, two sacks, a forced fumble and a recovered fumble this season, while Brown has made four tackles, and Osgood nine (all solo).

Osgood, a two-time Pro Bowler, finished his college career at San Diego State, where he transferred in 2001.

*Editor's note: For a preview of the Cal Poly football team's game against UC Davis on Saturday, see Friday's Mustang Daily.*

Former Cal Poly star and then-Indianapolis Colts linebacker Kyle Shotwell, left, tackles Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick on Aug. 28 in Indianapolis.

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## women's soccer

## Andrews leads Mustangs' Big West accolades

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly junior defender Carrie Andrews was named to the All-Big West Conference First Team and was also selected as the conference's defensive player of the year on Wednesday.

Andrews, who was named to the all-conference team for the third consecutive year, led a tough Mustangs defense, which gave up an average of just 1.25 goals per game. She also contributed offensively, scoring three goals, including Cal Poly's lone goal in its playoff loss to UC Santa Barbara, and added a total of seven points.

Andrews was also named the 2006 Big West Freshman of the Year.

Conference champion Long Beach State claimed six spots on the all-conference first team, two on the second team and two on the honorable mention list. The 49ers also won three of the six individual conference awards, as Liz Ramos won Goalkeeper of the Year, Lindsay Bullock took

Midfielder of the Year and Mauricio Ingrassia won Coach of the Year.

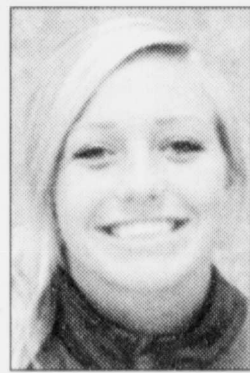
Joining Andrews on the all-conference second team were seniors Leah Morales and Ashley Vallis.

Morales collected conference honors for the first time in her career, as the holding midfielder collected a goal and four assists on the season.

Vallis, also earning her first all-conference honors, finished her career ninth on the all-time Cal Poly scoring list. She recorded a team-high five goals and 13 points this season.

Cal Poly accounted for five of the 10 all-conference honorable mention spots, as sophomore forward Morgan Miller joined senior midfielder Meggie O'Hagan, junior defenders Kristina Condon-Sherwood and Carissa Voegelé and junior goalkeeper Coral Hoover.

The Mustangs' playoff loss to UC Santa Barbara closed out their season with a 10-9-1 record.



Carrie Andrews

## THIS WEEK IN CAL POLY ATHLETICS

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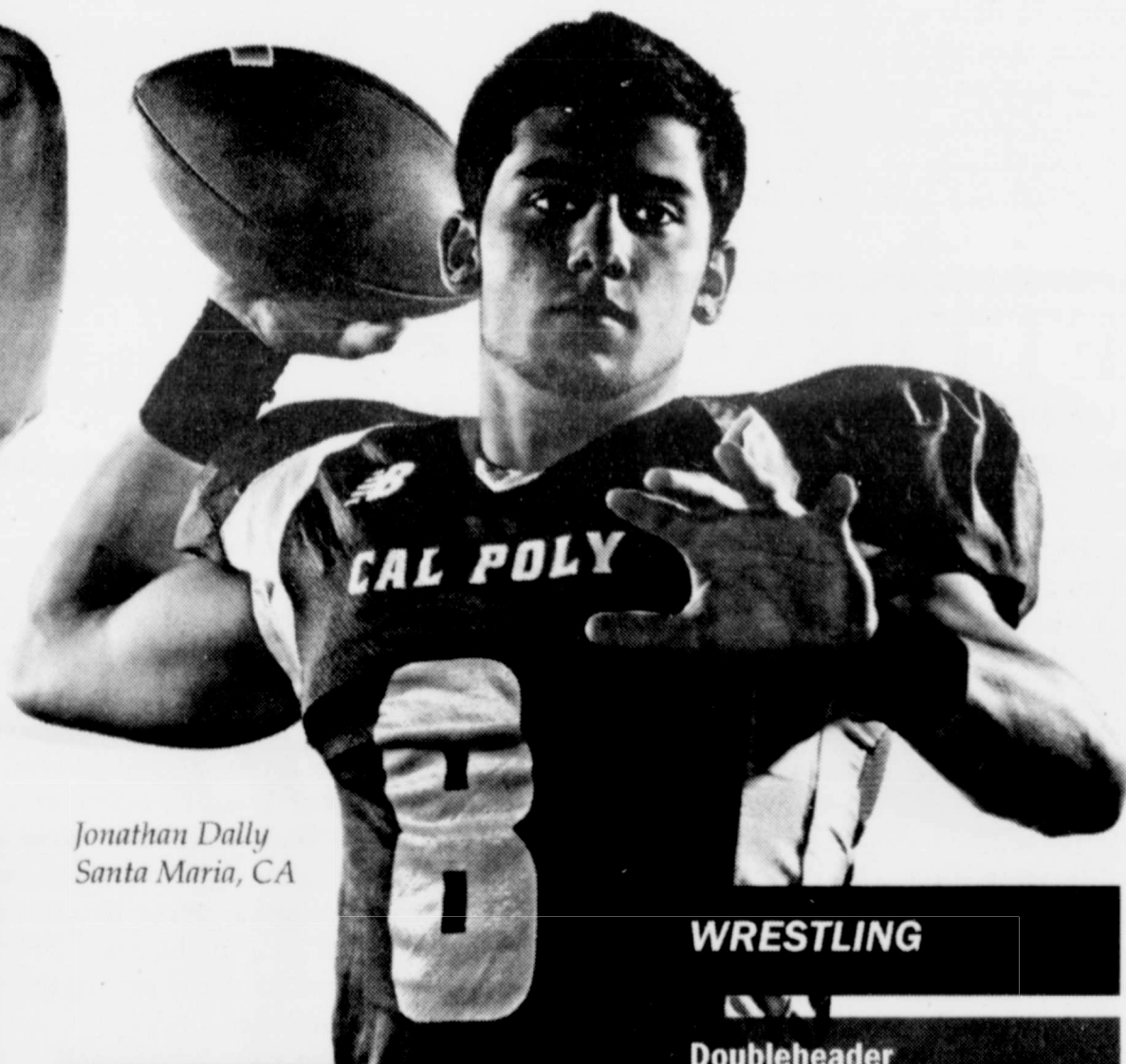
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Santa Maria, CA

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### women's tennis



## Matzenauer happy to be a Mustang

Washington native who was  
undefeated through two years in  
the Big Ten transferred to  
Cal Poly to be closer to home

Jennifer Titcomb  
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Suzie Matzenauer may not want to finish with love on the tennis court, but she has nothing but love for Cal Poly after transferring from Northwestern before this season.

The Tacoma, Wash. native, whose parents were both ranked tennis players in the Czech Republic, developed a love for the sport at age 7.

"I was around courts my whole life," Matzenauer said.

Cal Poly women's tennis head coach Hugh Bream began recruit-

ing her after taking notice of her USTA top-20 junior ranking and stellar career at Bellarmine Prep, which won four consecutive state titles while she was there.

But she chose Northwestern, where she went 62-12 in singles play, including a 15-0 mark in the Big Ten Conference, and had the opportunity to play for a team that was ranked No. 1 in the country for much of last year before finishing second.

"That was a really cool feeling to be on a team like that," Matzenauer said.

Even with all the success, though,

she still made the decision to move closer to home.

"I wasn't very happy at Northwestern," said Matzenauer, a 20-year-old junior. "It was a really hard process. I told my coach late in the year that I wanted to transfer and it was really stressful for everyone. In the end it worked out well for me, and for Northwestern and for Cal Poly."

She was encouraged by Amy Markhoff and Brian McPhee — both Washington natives now playing at Cal Poly.

"I came to SLO and visited and I just fell in love," Matzenauer said.

Markhoff was even a high school teammate of hers.

"I was really excited because she was one of my friends from back home," Markhoff said. "I knew she would fit right in with our team and help us become a better team, also."

California was quite a change from Illinois.

"The weather is so much nicer," Matzenauer said. "We get to practice outdoors here, which is pretty awesome."

Matzenauer wasn't worried about her new surroundings affecting her game.

"Our Cal Poly team works harder than the No. 2 team at Northwestern," she said.

The Mustangs will close their fall schedule by hosting UC Santa Barbara, San Francisco and Santa Clara at the three-day, round-robin Cal Poly Invitational, which begins at 10 a.m. Friday at the Cal Poly Tennis Courts.

In the spring, Cal Poly lost 4-3 three times over one stretch of six contests, and finished 12-12 overall.

"At the end of the season, we looked at six really close matches that we had lost and some of them we had even had match point for," Bream said. "If we had won four of those, we would have been in the top 40 nationally, playing in the NCAA Tournament."

This year's Mustangs returned everyone from a year ago.

Bream challenged the returners to come back 10-percent better by

the start of the season.

"Everybody has improved," he said. "Everybody has found a way to get that 10 percent or more. I think all the players realize we are a much better team than we were a year ago. I really feel that this is the hardest-working group in the nine years that I have been here."

One of the reasons Matzenauer was so excited about Cal Poly was its coaching staff of Bream and assistant Paige Esparza.

"I heard such good things," she said. "They're both just trying to help me change my game, make it better, play more aggressively and then just keep working on my strengths and improving my weaknesses."

Bream, in his ninth year of coaching the Mustangs, was happy to have her.

"She loves to play aggressively, big-game, loves to rip the forehand," he said. "And she is extremely competitive."

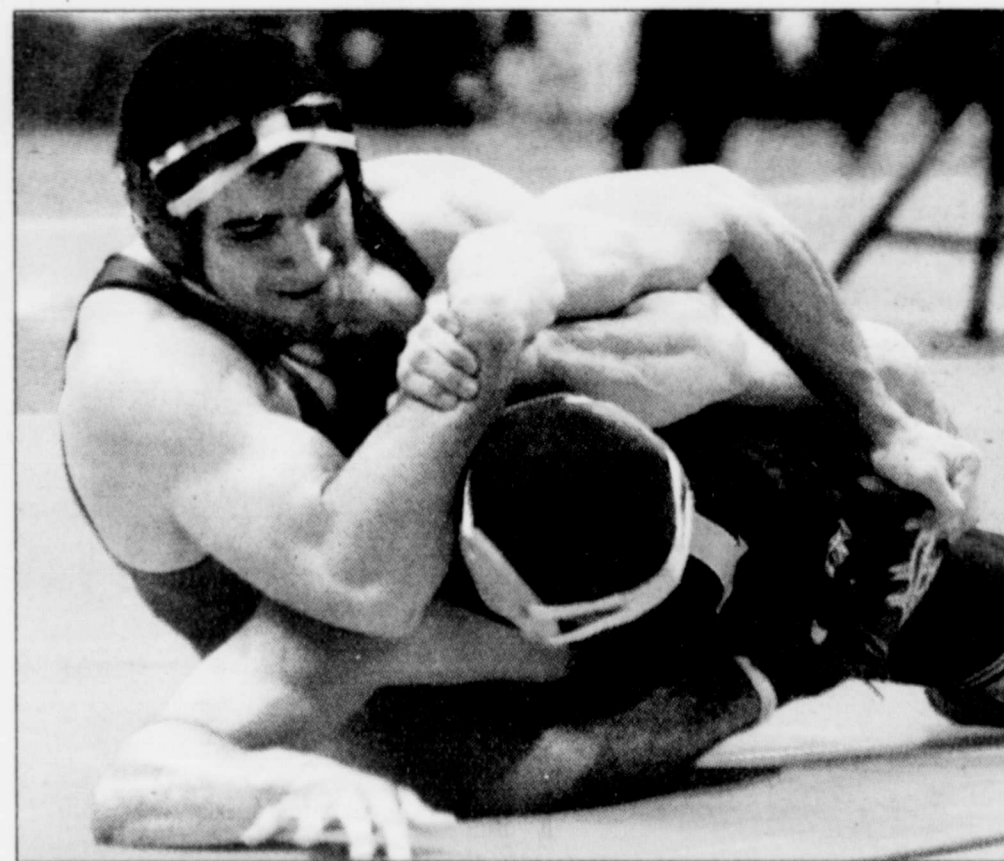
That competitive spirit has only added to a squad on the rise, one that sent the doubles tandem of Brittany Blalock and Steffi Wong to the NCAA Tournament a year ago when they were just sophomores.

"Suzie is coming in as a really strong tennis player with a real dominant presence on the court, and overall the whole team has picked up its level," Blalock said. "She just brings great energy and almost a new freshness to the team."



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In her two years at Northwestern, Cal Poly junior Suzie Matzenauer was 62-12 overall in singles play, including a 15-0 mark in the Big Ten Conference.



Cal Poly's Chase Pami, left, wrestles Illinois' Mike Poeta in the first round of the 2007 NCAA Championships in Auburn Hills, Mich.

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### wrestling

## Pami leads youthful Cal Poly

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Chad Mendes may have graduated, but the Cal Poly wrestling team is ready for a new season, one in which team unity will be stressed in the wake of the departure of the All-American 141-pounder who lost just once last year.

"We've been becoming more of a team with this group," Mustangs head coach John Azevedo said. "We really have more of a team mentality. The guys are looking out for each other; they're training together harder. They're more focused as a team."

The Mustangs went 5-8 overall

and 4-4 in the Pac-10 Conference last year.

"The team is not where we want to be yet, but we're in a good place," said junior Chase Pami, the Pac-10 champion at 157 last year. "We're a little under the radar. People don't expect us to do a whole lot, especially in the Pac-10. But when the end of the year comes, we're going to surprise people."

Pami himself said he's felt some extra expectations because of Mendes' season, but he wants to use it as a positive.

"The pressure has been there a little bit, but I think he was so successful because he was so relaxed," Pami said. "He just enjoyed what

he was doing. I'm ready and willing to fill those shoes. Chad went undefeated last year and there's no reason why I can't go undefeated. He left a great legacy. It was very encouraging to see that someone from Cal Poly can do that."

After going 0-2 at the NCAA Championships last year, Pami is even more "determined and focused" to "have a great year, especially at the end when it counts," Azevedo said.

Another key contributor for the Mustangs could be 133-pound sophomore Filip Novachkov, who went 16-10 overall last season.

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